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Man Claims His Father Helped Assassinate JFK[

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By CHARLES RICHARDS\

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+DALLAS (AP) _ The CIA and FBI dismissed as ``ludicrous'' and ``not credible'' renewed claims that the CIA had a hand in the assassination of President Kennedy and allegations one gunman is living in secrecy in Texas.

+Ricky Don White, an unemployed oilfield worker, claimed on Monday that his father, a Dallas police department employee acting on orders from the CIA, fired the shots that killed Kennedy. White's father, Roscoe White, died in 1971.

+The CIA broke a longstanding policy against commenting on alleged covert operations to deny the story.

+``These allegations _ that this was done on CIA orders, that this guy worked for us and that CIA had any role in the assassination of President Kennedy _ are ludicrous,'' CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield said in Washington.

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+The FBI said in a statement that it had received the same information in 1988 but ``determined that this information is not credible.''

+The story adds another conspiracy theory to the bulging file on the assassination, even though the Warren Commission concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, shot the president from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository. In 1978, a divided House committee concluded that Oswald shot the president but that a second gunman also fired a shot that day that missed.

+Theories have circulated for years that the CIA had a part in the assassination.

+White gave his account at a news conference Monday, although he had been shopping his story to reporters for some time.

+His claim was backed by his mother, Geneva White Galle, who told The Odessa American ``there is no doubt in my mind that my husband did shoot Kennedy.'' She was married to Roscoe White for 15 years, and remarried after White died.

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+Mrs. Galle, who has terminal cancer, said she wished the information had been revealed sooner and added, ``I lost my health because of it.''

+In his news conference, Ricky White did not repeat an earlier contention that one of the three purported co-conspirators lives a reclusive, fearful existence near Dallas.

+However, Gary Shaw, who helped organize Monday's event, said the co-conspirator was not mentioned ``because we want to approach this in a way not to make them run.''

+At the news conference, White said he hoped his story would result in a book and movie contract.

+White said much of his theory is based on information he said was in a diary kept by his father, who served in the Marines with Oswald. White said the diary _ which he showed to no one _ is missing, and suggested it was taken by the FBI.

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+White, who lives in Midland, said his father joined the Police Department three months before the assassination in 1963 to carry out the plot.

+White claimed the diary shows his father was on a grassy knoll in front of the presidential motorcade and fired two shots that struck Kennedy. Oswald was part of the conspiracy but fired no shots, White said.

+White said his father also killed police Officer J.D. Tippit about an hour after the assassination. Tippit's slaying has been blamed on Oswald.

+White died at age 35 in what his son called a suspicious fire and explosion at an equipment company in suburban Garland, where he was shop foreman. White said he believes a CIA ``witness elimination'' squad killed his father.

+Ricky White made his claims at the JFK Assassination Information Center, a private group that researches assassination theories.

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